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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 8, line 1 as follows:**

For example, a roof tile support element 14, with a triangular cross section 40, may be designed to be compatible with roof tiles that are approximately 15" long, 12" wide and 1" tall. The front end portion of the roof tile may be intended to overlap a lower course of tiles by about 3" with the back end portion of the tile intended to be in contact with a roofing surface for about 1". The front end portion of the roof tile may be supported above the back end portion next lower course of roof tiles. According to one embodiment as shown in Figures 1 and 2, The ~~the~~ distance 34 that a roof tile 16 (FIGURE 1) should be supported above the next lower course of tiles 16 (FIGURE 1) is related to the compressibility of the support element 14. When someone walks on the tile roof supported by support elements 14 with a triangular cross section, the support element 14 will be compressed and the distance between the upper and lower tiles 16 will decrease.